
ALAMEDA HEALTHCARE DISTRICT - SHORT TERM Questionnaire

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1. Motivation -- Why did you choose to run for the Healthcare District Board?

I sought appointment to the Board when a vacancy presented itself. I sought the appointment because I care about my community and wanted to serve. I am running as an appointed incumbent because I want to at least finish out the term I started. I feel I have done a good job on the Board and have earned the opportunity. There is a learning curve for any newly elected or appointed official. I have learned a lot in the past 15 months and I feel like I'm just hitting my stride. If my opponent is elected to serve out the remainder of the term, it would mean that 3 different people held the position during a 4 year term. I don't think that is a good thing for the City or the hospital.

2. Program and Priorities -- Elected office provides the opportunity to proactively lead by placing new ideas on the agenda for consideration and development. What are some specific ideas you intend to pursue if elected? What do you believe are the main priorities for the Healthcare District Board?

Since I began serving on the Board in May 2017, I have been instrumental in the creation of an Executive Director position with the District and staffing that position. I also facilitated the donation of \$30,000 from the District's 501(3)(c) organization to the Alameda Hospital Foundation. The money had been sitting unused for several years. I voted against Alameda Health System's proposed 2018 budget for the parcel tax proceeds, because it did not set aside any money to be used for 2030 seismic compliance. I also pushed for \$1 million of parcel tax money to be held back in the most recent Health Care District budget and earmarked for funding 2030 seismic compliance. I also pushed for AHS to complete contracts with all major insurance providers, which has now happened, so that all Alamedans have access to all the services at the hospital. Going forward, I want to work with the Executive Director to develop community health outreach programs, especially with our most vulnerable populations. I also want to work with the ED to ensure compliance by AHS with 2020 seismic requirements, for which it is responsible per the Joint Powers Agreement.

3. Qualifications -- Please give a brief summary of your background and qualifications for the office of Healthcare District Board.

I have served on the Board for 15 months. I have been a practicing attorney for 26 years.

4.. Alameda Hospital -- What are the most important problems at Alameda Hospital, and how would you deal with them?

Planning for 2030 seismic compliance. I believe we should be putting aside a portion of the parcel tax proceeds to plan for 2030, as well as having a dialogue with community leaders about the importance of maintaining a hospital in Alameda and how we will pay for it.

5. Endorsements -- Who has endorsed you so far? Who do you expect to endorse you?

Hon. Rob Bonta

Hon. Malia Vella

Hon. Jim Oddie

David Mitchell, President of the City of Alameda Planning Board

6. Campaign Funding -- How much money do you currently have for this race? How much money do you plan to raise? Where will the money come from? Describe sources of financial contributions for your campaign that you would refuse to accept (if any).

I have not raised any money. I do not intend to raise any money for my campaign. If my campaign incurs expenses, I plan on paying those from my personal funds.

7. Anything Else? -- Is there anything else you would like us to know about you?

I have attended all District Board meetings, since my appointment and I have worked diligently in my position to make sure that the interests of our hospital are furthered with regard to AHS and the JPA.